

TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: December 1, 2005
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 2

Members Present: Christine Long, (Chair), Dan Gittelsohn, (Vice-Chair),
Frank Reilly, Larry Schmeidler, Joe Connolly

Guests: Peter Sellers, DPW Director
Audrey Hall, (Pct 3 TMM); Greg Rotatori: Sponsors Article 1 for
Special Town Meeting December 7, 2005.

The minutes of October 18, 2005 were reviewed. Minutes were accepted and approved as submitted, voted 5-0-0.

Sponsors of Article 1 gave a presentation proposing a zoning bylaw change to 3 parcels of land located at 597, 601 and 615 Old Connecticut Path from the current zoning of Manufacturing to professional/office zoned use. The impetus cited for this Article is the current proposal for a concrete batch plant to be built and operated at 597 Old Ct. Path. This prompted the group known as the Oakes Neighborhood Assn. to propose this zoning change with Article 1.

The rationale for the change is based on concerns relative to the sensitive nature of the location of these parcels since they abut a railtrail, a thickly developed residential neighborhood, and wetlands. Additional concerns were expressed with regard to the close proximity of Reardon Park, increased traffic, noise, dust and dieseling of vehicles that could all cause potential safety and health issues to abutters, pedestrians and users of the railtrail. Notwithstanding other concerns, issues of contamination to groundwater in a wetland area was also cited. The sponsors of the Article expressed concern with the appropriateness of the current zoning of these 3 parcels as manufacturing, particularly since all surrounding businesses that are occupying the manufacturing zones are currently operating as professional/office use. Peter Sellers expressed that any zoning change would be viewed from a neutral position with respect to the Department of Public Works.

After discussion and questions by the committee a vote was taken and recorded of 4 in favor, none opposed and one abstention.

Respectfully submitted by its Chair,

Christine Long